

Matthes, Jessica

From: Robert and Linda Bundy [bundyworld@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2004 3:25 PM
To: SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com
Subject: CDC Proposed CIC at San Quentin Prison/DEIR

Dear Ms. Daniels,

I am writing to add my objection to the proposed Condemned Inmate Complex at San Quentin Prison. The DEIR did not address the fact that this new facility would reach maximum capacity within 20 years (25-40 new condemned prisoners/year versus only 10 executions in California since 1976). What is the long range plan for further expansion at this site or elsewhere as the condemned population grows? Have other sites been considered which could accommodate the proposed facility as well as expansion needs in the future? The San Quentin site crowds this facility into a 25-40 acre space and would not allow for further expansion and would require this issue be faced elsewhere within 20 years. Has an analysis been done regarding locating this Level 4 CIC elsewhere but maintaining the Execution Chamber and a limited number of the condemned (with scheduled execution dates) at the current San Quentin Site?

This project ignores the negative impact to all long range planning by local and regional entities which deal with housing needs and future transportation solutions. The location of this site provides unique opportunities to our community. Another Level 4 prison is not the highest and best use of this waterfront property.

Sincerely,
Robert Bundy
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Corte Madera, Ca. 94925

Letter 69

Robert Bundy
November 12, 2004

- 69-1** The comment questions CDC plans to house condemned inmates once the CIC is fully occupied. Please refer to response to comment 22-4.
- 69-2** The comment asks whether CDC has considered other sites for development of the project and future expansion. Please refer to master response 1 and response to comment 22-4.
- 69-3** The comment states that the project ignores analysis of local and regional plans. Please refer to response to comment 9-6.

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November 12, 2004

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This letter is in response to the EIR on the Condemned Inmate Complex Project at San Quintin State Prison.

After reviewing the RIR, it is clear that absolutely no consideration was given the 100+ residents of the Greenbrae Boardwalk, the residents of Marin Park and the residents of Larkspur RV Park, communities immediately west of San Quintin State Prison.

The CICP imposes severe and direct impact upon our communities. Visual, economic and environmental factors have either been inadequately addressed or simply not addressed at all.

The residents of the Greenbrae Boardwalk request a meeting with leaders of the CDC and members of the CICP to discuss alternatives not explored in the EIR: maintenance of Dairy Hill. This mutually beneficial option offers the CDC and CICP the mitigating factors necessary if expansion is to take place within the minimum requirements of surrounding residential communities.

Thank you,
Larry and Kelly Sultan



KELLY SULTAN

Letter 70

Larry and Kelly Sultan
November 12, 2004

70-1 The comment states that the Draft EIR does not adequately address visual, economic, and other environmental effects of the project on the residents of Greenbrae Boardwalk, Marin Park, and Larkspur RV Park located west of SQSP. The comment does not specifically describe how the analysis is inadequate. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.

The comment, on behalf of the Greenbrae Boardwalk community, also requested a meeting with CDC to discuss the environmental impacts of the project. CDC responded to the comment's request and attended a meeting with representatives of Greenbrae Boardwalk on December 16, 2004. Please refer to response to comments 16-1 through 16-3 and to Master Response 2.

Matthes, Jessica

From: Edward Grammens [egrammens@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2004 5:30 PM
To: SQSPDEIRComments@edaw.com
Subject: Draft EIR / San Quentin

Ms. Daniels:

I am a home owner in the Town of Corte Madera and a 16 year resident of Marin County. Please accept my comments below as my presentation of grounds for noncompliance and my objection to approval of project.

- 1) The EIR fails to fully consider the economic issues of the project alternatives that locate the project at another location. The operating and capital costs (and projected net savings) of project alternatives including alternative locations have not been explained.
 - 3) The economic impact of the project in the context of a Long Range Master Plan of the CDC structure, facilities and operations has not been evaluated. The potential for this project to be a costly mistake in a large and greater context is a clear risk to the tax payers.
 - 4) The EIR does not address the Long Range Plan for the CDC and the potential for the region to face another expansion (for economic and safety) reasons in the future. Given the rate of increase in the population of condemned inmates, what is the strategy for expansion beyond this facility?
 - 5) The EIR has failed to coordinate with local, County and State Agencies as is required by CEQA. The County planning work in progress and the DGS report have not been adequately incorporated into the document. The States own Legislative Analyst's report has not been included in the report and the County Planning efforts has not adequately been addressed.
 - 6) The Lead Agency and the EIR have failed to recognize and coordinate with the regional planning policies as defined by the local governing bodies (Marin County and numerous other agencies) in their participation (alliance) with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). What is the net cost to local communities to comply with ABAG residential construction allocations in light of the project and the resulting limitations of land use that would result?
 - 7) The EIR does not explore or explain economic and other impacts of the structural and life-safety improvements that are required of the existing facilities. What is the real cost to bring the other facilities up to CBC code compliance?
 - 8) The program for the use and the density of use of the existing facilities is not explored or explained in the report. In fact, one alternative suggests that a higher density of inmates is possible for the existing facilities. Is the intention of the CDC to build this project and increase the density of utilization of the existing facilities?
 - 9) The EIR (4.4-b) is inaccurate in the assessment that BCDC policies have been complied with. The project will not minimize the visual impacts to the bay. The visual aspect of the
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project, in light if BCDC policies has been grossly misstated.

10) The EIR has ignored the Federal Coastal Management Act (CZMA) Coastal Zone Management Act Of 1972 § 1452. Congressional declaration of policy (Section 303), in which Congress finds and declares that it is the national policy-- (1) to preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance, the resources of the Nation's coastal zone for this and succeeding generations; (2) to encourage and assist the states to exercise effectively their responsibilities in the coastal zone through the development and implementation of management programs to achieve wise use of the land and water resources of the coastal zone, giving full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic, and esthetic values as well as the needs for compatible economic development, which programs should at least provide for--

11) The EIR does not address and the project does not comply with the State General Plan Guidelines, requiring planning bodies to take a "Long Range Perspective" (§65300) and requires the State that local planning bodies generate a sustainable General Plan. A proper regional planning and financial analysis of the project alternatives will reveal the offsetting benefits to the County and Regional toward achieving these mandated goals.

12) The EIR has not adequately addressed the possible mitigations to the visual impact of the project. Painting the building is not adequate. The very large unarticulated mass of the project and imposing security fence construction is not mitigated. The project is sited at a visual gateway to the local communities. The economic, social and cultural impacts of the formidable presence of the proposed facility have not been addressed. The project as defined would be an eyesore and a scar in the landscape of Marin.

Please incorporate these among the comments to be addressed by the Department of Corrections.

Edward Grammens
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Corte Madera, CA 94925

Letter 71

Edward Grammens
November 12, 2004

71-1 This comment letter provides the same comments as comment letter 22. Please refer to responses to comments 22-1 through 22-12.

FAX

**To: Facilities Management Division
California Dept. of Corrections**

Re: Public Input on San Quentin Expansion EIR

Date: Nov. 12, 2004

From: Lila Hillard

Resident of Larkspur, CA



Attached please find a copy of a letter that I sent to Gov. Schwarzenegger, requesting that he stop the proposed expansion of the prison site.

By this plan, you are giving criminals who have forfeited their rights by heinous illegal acts priority in using this premier property. Instead, children should be able to play by the Bay. Law-abiding citizens should be able to live in affordable housing. The public should have comprehensive rail and ferry transit options on this site. This old prison site no longer makes economic sense and should be relocated to a cheaper location with fewer costs to maintain and where there are no better public uses for the land.

Thank you for sincerely rethinking this proposal and for conducting a cost/benefit analysis on this project. Local communities in less expensive parts of California, with existing prisons, should be polled to see which community actually wants this facility. There is no reason why the death row inmates need to be in one place. Perhaps existing prison facilities even exist to accommodate them.

Please stop this process and let's go back to the basic cost issues. This just does not make sense for taxpayers to expand this facility at this location. Thank you.

Letter 72

Lila Hillard

November 12, 2004

72-1 The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. Because no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised, no further response can be provided.

November 12, 2004

916-323-0986
Cher Daniels
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Department of Corrections
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Sacramento, CA 94283-0001

Dear Ms Daniels:

The California Prison Moratorium Project submits the following comments regarding the San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). California Prison Moratorium Project (PMP) believes that the DEIR is insufficient and that the project should be halted until there is additional environmental review and mitigation and analysis of the "no project" alternative.

I. The "No Project" and relocation alternatives are not adequately considered.

CEQA Guideline 15126.6 requires an EIR to describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the project, or the location of the project, to avoid the project's significant environmental impacts. Having identified significant impacts, the CDC must analyze potential alternatives that might reduce or eliminate these impacts. The "no project" alternative is not considered in sufficient detail. The necessity of the practice of segregating condemned prisoners is not substantiated by criminological evidence and is not considered in the DEIR. Nor, does the DEIR consider the Department of Corrections stated plan to decrease its overall prisoners population by 15,000 prisoners by Mid-2005 as stated in a January 2004 Memo by then director Edward Alameida. By ceasing the segregation of condemned prisoners or carrying out the CDC's own projected population decline, the "need" for this project would be obviated.

The DEIR fails to meet the legal obligations to fully consider alternative locations. While PMP does not support the construction of new prison cells at another site in the system, the DEIR does not provide any reasonable detail of the environmental impacts of a relocated death row. Until such time as a similarly detailed analysis of the environmental impacts of housing Death Row at another facility is completed, it is impossible to fully assess the relative negative impacts of this project at San Quentin State Prison.

Finally, the existing discussion of transferring the CIC or SQSP to other sites suggest significant and unavoidable impacts to those potential sites, but does not weigh these impacts against the potential positive impacts of closing the existing SQSP. For example, shuttering SQSP would likely have several positive impacts on light pollution, traffic, and water quality in the immediate site and throughout the Marin County region.

II. The potential impact on stormwater and Bay water quality is not adequately considered.

Considering the various pollutants for which the San Francisco Bay is currently water quality impaired, the DEIR does not provide an adequate discussion or evaluation of potential increase in pollutants deposited in the Bay from any new sources of stormwater runoff this project may create. A more detailed analysis of these potential impacts and a comprehensive mitigation plan are necessary before the project can be approved.

For these reasons, California Prison Moratorium Project believes that the Draft EIR is insufficient and inadequate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Jarmon", written over the typed name.

Sarah Jarmon

For California Prison Moratorium Project

Letter 73

Sarah Jarmon
November 12, 2004

- 73-1** This comment is prefatory to subsequent comments in the letter. Please refer to responses to comments 73-2 and 73-3.
- 73-2** The comment requests that the No Project Alternative be evaluated in greater detail and asserts that the “need” for the project would be eliminated if statewide prison populations are reduced or CDC ceases segregating condemned inmates. The Draft EIR analysis fully complies with the requirements of CEQA. Please refer to Master Response 1 and response to comment 21-2.
- 73-3** The comment states that the Draft EIR did not meet the legal obligations to consider alternative locations. CDC disagrees. Please refer to Master Response 1.
- 73-4** The comment states that relocation of condemned inmates or the entire SQSP prison population would result in the closure of the SQSP site and suggests that there may be environmental benefits to its closure that were not evaluated in the Draft EIR. Please refer to response to comment 21-4.
- 73-5** The comment states that the Draft EIR should provide a more detailed analysis of potential stormwater impacts, but does not indicate why the analysis in the Draft EIR is not adequate. The Draft EIR analyzes the project’s potential stormwater quality impacts to San Francisco Bay. Please refer to Section 4.8-1 (“Hydrology and Water Quality”) of the Draft EIR. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.

San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR
COMMENTS

(please hand in during the meeting)

Name: Sam Bower

Organization (if any): _____

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If there is additional information that you believe should be incorporated into the EIR analysis, please identify what the issue is and the person we should contact about it. Thank you!

Comments

As a resident of Marin who's life will be directly impacted by this project I am writing to say that I oppose the expansion of San Quentin as proposed. To my understanding this project has not been evaluated with an eye towards the best long term use of state funds, efficiency, or use of land resources in Marin, or the impact of this expansion on Marin County residents.

This project is likely to tie up valuable real estate in a key location in Marin County which would in the long term be better served as a transportation hub, to the great benefit of all Bay Area residents. An expansion of the prison would increase traffic on an already congested road (Sir Francis Drake) and keep that issue from being addressed constructively in the future (transportation hub @ San Quentin).

Letter 74

Sam Bower

No Date

- 74-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project and states that the project would increase traffic along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The project's transportation impacts, including impacts along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, were thoroughly addressed in Section 4.12, "Transportation," of the Draft EIR. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.

San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR COMMENTS

(please hand in during the meeting)

Name: ROBERT & DOROTHY MOY

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City, State, Zip: GREENBRAE CA 94904

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If there is additional information that you believe should be incorporated into the EIR analysis, please identify what the issue is and the person we should contact about it. Thank you!

Comments

THE GREENBRAE BOARDWALK COMMUNITY IS LOCATED ACROSS THE CREEK FROM THE LARKSPUR FERRY TERMINAL. THERE IS A WHOLE COMMUNITY THERE WHO'S VIEWS TAKE IN THE SAN QUENTIN PRISON PROPERTY DURING THE DAY AS WELL AS DURING THE NIGHT. AT NIGHT THE BOARDWALK RESIDENTS HAVE A BEAUTIFUL, PEACEFUL, VIEW OVER THE WATER. THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED LIGHTING WOULD TAKE THAT AWAY FROM THEM.

DAIRY HILL SERVES TO MEDIATE THE PRISON'S PRESENCE IN THE BOARDWALK COMMUNITY. DAIRY HILL PROVIDES A LINE-OF-SIGHT BARRIER SHIELDING OUR HOMES FROM THE INSTITUTIONS HARSH LIGHTING, INMATE NOISE, AND BARREN ENVIRONMENT. DAIRY HILL MUST BE PRESERVED TO RETAIN THE COMFORT AND SECURITY OF OUR HOMES.

AS I UNDERSTAND THE ~~THE~~ PROJECT ALTERNATIVES ARE: NO PROJECT, SINGLE HEIGHT OR STACKED BUILDINGS, SURELY THERE MUST BE OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED.

Letter 75

Robert and Dorothy Moy

No Date

- 75-1** The comment states that Dairy Hill should be preserved on-site. This comment is acknowledged. The comment states that Dairy Hill shields the Boardwalk community from lighting and inmate noise at SQSP. As depicted in photographs taken from the Boardwalk (Master Response 2), most of SQSP is visible from the Boardwalk. As shown in Exhibit 4.1-5a of the Draft EIR, existing light standards extend above Dairy Hill. Nevertheless, CDC agrees that lighting from the CIC, as well as views of the CIC, would be a significant impact. Please see responses to comments 16-1 through 16-3 and Master Response 2.
- 75-2** The comment suggests that other project alternatives should be considered in the Draft EIR. Please refer to Master Response 1.

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(please hand in during the meeting)

Name: Judy Morgan - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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City, State, Zip: SR CA 94903 415/491-6618

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If there is additional information that you believe should be incorporated into the EIR analysis, please identify what the issue is and the person we should contact about it. Thank you!

Comments

I would like to see the money proposed for this be used for educational programs aimed at keeping our young people out of the prison systems

Youth Courts, School to Career Programs
Gov. Schwarzenegger's After School Programs
Job Training + Retention Programs for Youth
Camp Away which supports the children of incarcerated parents

Our schools are suffering a major deficit already - preventative programs could reduce the number of people in prisons unless of course it is a money making venture - ???

For further information, please contact me for information about programs aimed at keeping our youth out of prison and of course off

Please send answers to [unclear]

Letter 76

Judy Morgan
No Date

- 76-1** The comment states that the project's budget should be used for educational programs aimed at keeping youth out of prison. This comment is not relevant to the analysis presented in the Draft EIR. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR COMMENTS

(please hand in during the meeting)

Name: David ROSE
Organization (if any): Mariner Cove Homeowner Assoc.
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City, State, Zip: 94925

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If there is additional information that you believe should be incorporated into the EIR analysis, please identify what the issue is and the person we should contact about it. Thank you!

Comments

There are several reasons that we
~~oppose~~ this prison expansion:

- ① light pollution that will back up
to our houses on the water at night.
- ② Wildlife and the death of birds
and wildlife with the electric fence?
- ③ Did the E.I.R. look closely enough
at the endangered clapper rail birds?
- ④ Does the local community want to
have a death row for the next 100 years?
I know we do not!!
- ⑤ Safety of prison with earthquakes
and its location on the water?
- ⑥ I respectfully ask that this prison
be closed, and relocated to a area
that is less impactful on our environment.

Thank you for your consideration

Please send answers to of this letter
these questions in writing to the above address. Thank

Letter 77

David Rose
No Date

- 77-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project because of light and wildlife impacts. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 77-2** The comment asks if the Draft EIR evaluated impacts to clapper rails. The biological impacts of the project, including impacts to clapper rails, were evaluated in Section 4.3, "Biological Resources," of the Draft EIR.
- 77-3** The comment questions whether the community would want to continue to support SQSP. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 77-4** The comment makes a statement regarding the safety of the prison associated with earthquakes and its proximity to water. The seismic and geologic impacts of the project were evaluated in Section 4.6, "Earth Resources," of the Draft EIR. The project would be designed in accordance with Title 24, Seismic Zone 4 Earthquake Standards, to withstand earthquakes. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 77-5** The comment request that SQSP be closed and relocated. Please refer to Master Response 1.

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Name: LARRY + KELLY SULTAN
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If there is additional information that you believe should be incorporated into the EIR analysis, please identify what the issue is and the person we should contact about it. Thank you!

Comments

AFTER REVIEWING THE EIR, IT IS CLEAR THAT ABSOLUTELY NO CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN THE 100+ RESIDENTS OF THE GREENBRAE BOARDWALK, RESIDENTS OF MARIN PARK OR RESIDENTS OF LARKSPUR RV PARK, ALL COMMUNITIES IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON.

THE CICP IMPOSES A SEVERE AND DIRECT IMPACT UPON OUR COMMUNITIES. VISUAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS HAVE EITHER BEEN INADEQUATELY ADDRESSED OR SIMPLY NOT ADDRESSED AT ALL.

THE RESIDENTS OF THE GREENBRAE BOARDWALK REQUEST A MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE CDC AND MEMBERS OF THE CICP TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES NOT EXPLORED IN THE EIR: MAINTAINANCE OF DAIRY HILL OFFERS THE CDC AND CICP MITIGATING FACTORS NECESSARY IF

Letter 78

Larry and Kelly Sultan

No Date

- 78-1** The comment states that the Draft EIR does not adequately address visual, economic, and other environmental effects of the project on the residents of Greenbrae Boardwalk, Marin Park, and Larkspur RV Park located immediately west of SQSP, but does not specifically describe how the analysis is inadequate. Please refer to Master Response 2. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.

The comment, on behalf of the Greenbrae Boardwalk community, requested a meeting with CDC to discuss the environmental impacts of the project. CDC responded to the comment's request and attended a meeting with representatives of Greenbrae Boardwalk on December 16, 2004. Please refer to response to comments 16-1 through 16-3 and Master Response 2.

San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR COMMENTS

(please hand in during the meeting)

Name: Frances Barbours Hayden, Vice President
Organization (if any): Point San Quentin Village Association Board of Directors
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City, State, Zip: PSQV, CA 94964

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Comments

The residents of Point San Quentin Village face the majority of impact from the CIC project, namely due to our orientation directly outside the East Gate. The Board agreed that the following points are our current position/concerns:

- 1) No increase in traffic on Main Street (it's currently eroding away & is over used)
- 2) No construction trucks on Main Street - they must use the West Gate
- 3) Reduction of light pollution
- 4) Construction hours run from 8am to 4pm
- 5) We ask that there be some focus on the aesthetic/visual impact of the new buildings - that the design be congruent w/ existing historical landmarks
- 6) That said we prefer the stacked design for a smaller footprint of the land.

FPAC - EIR of relocating the ferry terminal to accommodate the long-range needs of the ~~local~~ ^{Marin County} community

MCBC - focuses on ^{helping the bicycle/pedestrian} transportation + ^{and decreasing the} ~~increased~~ impact of ~~increased~~ ^{increased} ~~increased~~

CAC: traffic coming from outside county, Marin Co. needs not weighed by needs of condemned citizens.

Letter 79

Frances Barbour Hayden
No Date

79-1 The comment restates that the points raised in comment letter 54. Please see response to comments 54-1 through 54-6.

Joyce Bonifield
147 Greenbrae Boardwalk
Greenbrae, CA 94904

November 4, 2004

Steve Kinsey
Marin County Board of Supervisors
Civic Center
San Rafael, CA

RE: Objections to the proposed expansion of San Quentin prison death row

Dear Supervisor Kinsey:

My objections to the proposed expansion of the death row at San Quentin prison are as follows:

- **Fiscal impact of the project**

The state is broke. How can we in California contemplate spending \$220 million to expand death row at this time? The "we'll fund it after it is built" idea is fiscally irresponsible.

- **The current prison site is outdated.**

The proposal to expand death row does not address the current prison, which is outdated and overcrowded. Expanding death row will commit the State to spend untold additional millions to update and upgrade the current prison.

- **Environment**

The proposed death row expansion is hugely out of proportion to the site. San Quentin is located very near a primordial wetlands, which needs to be protected. The proposed sixty-foot lights and deadly electric fence could have a devastating effect on the fragile bird and animal population in the marsh.

- **Traffic and Congestion**

The proposed new death row is supposed to house 1450 prisoners where there are now 600. Many of the present San Quentin staff commutes long distances to work. How many additional employees will be required to service this death row expansion? As is evidenced by the daily bumper-to-bumper congestion on the approaches to the Richmond San Rafael bridge today, the increased traffic in this area cannot be accommodated.

- **Noise**

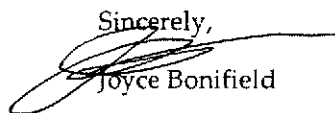
There are many close residential neighbors to San Quentin, including the 100 people who live in my community, the Greenbrae Boardwalk. The noise and light pollution that will result from the construction and operation of an expanded death row is not compatible with the site's residential neighbors.

Currently, on the Greenbrae Boardwalk, we are subjected to noise pollution from the Larkspur Ferry building, the construction on the 101 freeway, the frequent dredging of Corte Madera Creek. We do not want to be subjected to any more noise.

- **Location**

San Quentin is located far from the homes of most Death Row inmates. The average stay on Death Row is 10 years. California's Death Row should be re-located to sites closer to the prisoner's own communities or to the state's more modern prisons.

Sincerely,



Joyce Bonifield

Letter 80

Joyce Bonifield
November 4, 2004

- 80-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 80-2** The comment states that the proposed lights and electric fence could have significant effects on bird and other animal populations in nearby wetlands. The biological resources analysis (Draft EIR Section 4.3) evaluated these impacts. Specific comments on the analysis were not raised, so no other response can be provided.
- 80-3** The comment asks how many new employees would be required for the project and states that the increased traffic in the area of the project site cannot be accommodated. As described in Section 3.7, the project would result in a maximum increase of 648 staff at SQSP. The project's transportation impacts were evaluated in Section 4.12, "Transportation," of the Draft EIR. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 80-4** The comment states that the noise associated with the project would not be compatible with the project site's residential neighbors. The project's noise impacts were evaluated in Section 4.9, "Noise," of the Draft EIR. Regarding construction noise, please see response to comment 11-16. As described, mitigation is included to reduce noise to employee residents located on the project site. This same measure would reduce construction noise to residents of the Greenbrae Boardwalk, located over 2,000 feet from the site at their closest location, to a less-than-significant level. Regarding operational noise, the only additional noise source from the project discernable to the Boardwalk would be daytime speaker noise. Because CIC inmates would not be outside at night, nighttime speaker noise would not be expected. Because of the enclosed design of proposed facilities, and the fact that yard areas are located in a central courtyard surrounded by buildings, PA speaker noise is anticipated to be less than existing PA speaker noise.
- 80-5** The comment states death row should be relocated to a site closer to the prisoner's own communities. With regards to alternate locations for the project, please refer to Section 7.4 of the Draft EIR and Master Response 1. SQSP currently houses most of California's condemned male inmate population. These inmates were sentenced to death throughout California and are not located within one region or county.

San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR COMMENTS

(please hand in during the meeting)

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Comments

I believe the state's decision to expand death row at this site or anywhere else is fiscally unsound. The California death penalty is currently under investigation, possibly leading to a moratorium of the death penalty in the state. How then does it make sense, given the financial crisis in the state, to spend 220 million on building a facility which may never be used.

Furthermore there ~~there is~~ no correlation between increases in the prison system and public safety. This money could be used for education, after school programs, mental health services & other health care, systems which truly contribute to public safety.

Letter 81

Andrea Salinas

No Date

81-1 The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.

**San Quentin State Prison Condemned Inmate Complex Project Draft EIR
COMMENTS**

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Comments

Please see typed remarks, attached

The Future of the San Quentin Peninsula

4 November, 2004

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Please accept these comments to the EIR now pursued by the CA Dept of Corrections ("CDC"):

Sec 21000(g) and 21001(g)

1. Under the Legislative Intent of CEQA, the CDC has an obligation to consider the long-term environmental and economic future of our region, not just the wish of the 2003 legislature.
2. At the invitation of the state, the county, and each jurisdiction adjacent to San Quentin, have invested thousands of hours of time, thought and attention to alternative futures for the San Quentin site, which should not be wasted. The CDC cannot now pretend that this effort has not existed.
3. The "San Quentin Vision Plan," just 13 months old, captures the aspirations of our southern and central Marin region for the long-term future of this site. The alternatives expressed in the CDC's EIR are **wholly inconsistent** with that vision of the future. The present EIR does not even mention them. This is not coordinated planning, as required by CEQA.
4. The addition of new cells—in the western front gate of the property—represents a roadblock to a better future, and to any alternative use. No private parties will invest in any other potentials for the San Quentin peninsula, with massive new maximum-security cell blocks, fencing, lights and towers at the very front entry gate to the property.
5. This new prison plan therefore cannot stand alone. It must be followed by an extremely expensive re-development of the sub-standard existing prison buildings. So with the present plans in the EIR, we are looking at setting into concrete **the most expensive** way to satisfy prison cell demands, with no possibility of taking advantage of the very high values of the site. This would be the worst—and most expensive—of several alternatives now open to us. The EIR needs to consider these factors, and the CDC should re-consider this inadequately thought out plan.
6. There does not appear to have been a true "alternatives analysis", because the present EIR does not evaluate and price alternative sites for the location of the condemned prison population. We should not let this short-sighted view determine the long-term future of the San Quentin Peninsula.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Letter 82

David Kunhardt
November 4, 2004

- 82-1** The comment refers the reader to attached remarks. Please refer to response to comments 82-2 through 82-6.
- 82-2** The comment states that CDC has an obligation to consider the long-term environmental and economic future of the region and not just the 2003 Legislature. The Draft EIR analysis fully complies with the requirements of CEQA. Furthermore, the legislation creating CEQA and the legislation authorizing the proposed CIC are both state laws, and both have the same legal standing. In other words, the EIR needs to comply with CEQA but cannot impose CEQA above or below other legislative actions.
- 82-3** The comment states that the project alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIR are inconsistent with the San Quentin Vision Plan. CDC disagrees. Although not required by CEQA, CDC evaluated an alternative that considered implementation of the proposed (not approved) San Quentin Vision Plan. Please refer Section 7.5 of the Draft EIR. Please also refer to Master Response 1.
- 82-4** The comment states that the location of the project near west gate would prohibit private-party investment in development of SQSP. This comment does not address specific issues pertaining to the EIR, so no further response can be provided.
- 82-5** The comment states that the Draft EIR should consider the economic costs of redevelopment of the existing SQSP. The project will not initiate redevelopment of the existing SQSP. Please refer to response to comment 11-3. Because no specific issues pertaining to the analysis are identified, no further response can be provided.
- 82-6** The comment states that the Draft EIR does not evaluate and price alternative sites for the location of the project. Please refer to Master Response 1.

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COMMENTS

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Comments

- State is broke !!
- people mandated San Quentin and people can change it which we should. Also that was long, long ago.
- we will be committed to millions & millions and more millions, construction will go on forever - we can't leave those prisoners in the present old S.Q.
- put it on flat land, as an example San Quentin being over by Home Depot. property close to
- Spend now, less later isn't fiscally sound
- why aren't the water saving toilets already in the old prison?

Letter 83

Joyce Bonifield

No Date

- 83-1** The comment expresses opposition to the project. This comment is acknowledged. No further response is necessary as no issues related to the environmental impacts of the project were raised.
- 83-2** The comment asks why water-saving toilets are not already located in the main prison facility. As discussed in Section 4.11, “Public Services,” of the Draft EIR, CDC is in the process of installing and plans to install automatic flush valves on 2,600 prison toilets at existing SQSP. CDC is securing funds for the purchase and installation of the valves, and these flush valves will be installed before completion of the proposed CIC project.